& Kashmir, Uttaranchal in additin to North Eastern States & projects benefiting Kalahandi, Bolangir and Korapur districts of Orissa are categorized as Special Category States/region for providing CLA under, AIBP. The CLA to special category States/region is provided in the ratio of 3:1 (Center: State) as against 2:1 (Centre: State) for non-special category States like Madhya Pradesh.

In addition, the States which are willing to rationalise the water rates equal to the Operation and Maintenance costs of the projects within a period of five years are declared as Reforming States to facilitate more favourable ratio for Central Assistance for projects under Normal Programme. For reforming states of non-special Category, the Centre-State ratio is 4:1 and that for Special Category States, the centre's share is 100 per cent and the State's share is nil. The State of Madhya Pradesh has been declared as a reforming State.

Effect of Rivers Interlinking Project on Coastal Water and Marine Resources

†3539. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any study with regard to impact of immersion of river on the coastal water and fisheries resources in view of the question raised about the viability of river linking project;

(b) whether it is a fact that water borne diseases and health related problems will develop as a result of linking of rivers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the steps Government have taken to address those problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) National Water Development Agency (NWDA) while preparing the feasibility reports of river link proposals carries out preliminary studies with regard to environmental ecological and socio-economic aspects. However specific studies for impact of immersion of river on the coastal water and fisheries resources have not been done. The Detailed Project Reports (DPR) of the link proposals provide for a chapter on "Environmental Impact Assessment" studies to cover all the relevant environmental issues that have impact due

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to the proposed link proposal including air environment, land environment, biological (aquatic & terrestrial) environment and socio-economic environment.

Ganga Flood Control Commission Projects on Flood Crisis in Bihar

†3540.DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ganga Flood Control Commission had prepared projects to do away with flood crisis particularly in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of projects completed till March, 2005 out of them;

(d) total number of remaining projects about which decision have been taken to complete the same during the year 2005-06; and

(e) the reasons for not taking such decision in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes Sir. Ganga Flood Control Commission (GFCC) has prepared Comprehensive Plan for Flood Management and sent the same to the concerned State Governments including Bihar for implementation. The Detailed Project Report etc. are prepared by the State Government and sent to GFCC for technical examination as per the guidelines of Planning Commission.

(b) The numbers of schemes for Bihar included in the 9th and 10th Plan in the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, "Critical Anti Erosion Works in Ganga Basin States" are 8 nos. and 12 nos. respectively.

(c) As per information furnished by the State Government till March 2005,7 schemes out of 8 schemes of 9th Plan have been completed and 6 schemes out of 12 schemes of 10th Plan have been partially completed.

(d) and (e) As informed by the Government of Bihar the remaining scheme of 9th Plan has not yet been cleared due to certain observations made by Government of Uttar Pradesh which are being attended to by the Government of Bihar. 7 schemes out of 12 schemes of 10th Plan are scheduled to be completed by 2005-06. For the 5 remaining schemes, the

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